



Trevor Hunt (Chairman)
Teresa Trott
Chris Crovo
David Bartlett
Alan Frasier



Roger Crouse
Carol Champagne

 The meeting was called to order at 9:10.



Meeting Minutes: David Barlett made a motion to approve the April 1, 2004 minutes and Chris Crovo 2nd. Minutes were accepted.

Financial: So far we have 314 exams that will be given in Augusta and we have 201 operators and 314 exams scheduled for Augusta, and 24 operators and 41 exams scheduled for Presque Isle.

Collected	Expenses	Balance	ERG Reimb.
\$3,800	\$11,000	\$31,179	\$4,500

Exams: The April 2004, exam's passing rate is down. The ABC exams have been re-written due to the new technology.

The Board is proctoring on just the scheduled exams dates.

The deadline for Grandparented operators is September 30, 2004. All systems will need a licensed operator by that date or they will be out of compliance.

The State of Maine has authority to license operators and the EPA has agreed to have a restricted license "Very Small Water Systems Operator " offered in a few special cases with an educational waiver. This will be included in new proposed rules.

The June 2004 exam has 150 people sitting in Orono and 146 people sitting in Portland with at total of 298 exams being proctored.

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Rule Change Status: Terry Trott is working on wording changes regarding TCHs, processed ASAP.

The TCHs will be reflected on each of the classification of license as far as safety is concerned. The TCHs will be clarified with:

- (50%) Elective: safety, managerial, administrative
- (50%) Operational training: operator related subjects.

The guidelines for what has been accepted in the past will be considered. The Board must accept the courses selected before TCHs are applied.

Those that are giving the training sessions, 30 days in advance must submit a list of courses to the Board for approval.

IN –house training provided by some of the larger systems are equaling the total amount of credits needed for operators. The TCHs must be within the renewal period. There is value in going to the MRWA and MWUA conferences and meetings, not in just TCHs but, also in talking with other operators.

Multiple exams and sequential exams will be added to the application offered this October.

A final draft of the proposed rules will be processed and given to Tera Tower. A vote was taken on provision concerning direct entry examinations being changed. Terry Trott proposed to return the language back to the original wording.

- 1) Holding a VSWS license is not a prerequisite to sit for any higher level of exams.
- 2) Changing the 50% allowance from safety TCHs to elective.
- 3) Education requirements as previously revised and discussed to respond to EPA's letter.

Board Appointments: Four or five people have applied and so far no response from the governors office. We have a VSWS and a class 2 position available.

Rule Change Status: OK. The Attorney Generals office commented that in the future when we go through and change the rules again that we change all words saying certification and put in license. The

new Board's name has been approved to "Board of Licensure of Water System Operators". The Rule name has been included in the new change.

ERG Grant: We have billed for exams and are being reimbursed for the exams. There are a lot of reimbursements out. The reimbursement for the training courses is also out. Terry Trott will be doing an RFP for continuing education.

The training courses have been going well. We have had 3 sessions and 4 locations each with a total of 22 so far. The classes are full. The passing rate is about even whether taking the classes or not.

The systems will need to have a licensed operator on board after September 30, 2004. The reminder letters will go out August 1, 2004.

New Business: Chris Crovo discussed operators with a class 4 license having TCHs over the amount necessary for licensing to be recognized in some way for development of professionalism.

Terry Trott made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Trevor Hunt 2nd it. Meeting adjourned at 11:30